Uncovered Manholes in Delhi

891. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the death of a boy who fell into an uncovered manhole in Mansarover Garden in Delhi on the 13th November, 1991;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard;

(c) the details of deaths due to fall in manholes in MCD areas during the last three years; and

(d) what measures are being contemplated by Government to ensure that manholes are properly covered in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is reported that the manhole cover was broken due to frequent movement of heavy loaded trucks over it, going coming from Premises No. D-11, Mansarover Garden, New Delhi. Report has been lodged with the Police to take action against the person occupying premises No. D-11, Mansarover Garden and the matter is now under police investigation.

(c) The detail of deaths during the last three years is being ascertained and information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The N.D.M.C. has given instructions to the Maintenance as well as Conservancy staff to exercise greater vigil. In order to reduce pilferage of cast iron manhole covers steel-fibre rainforced concerete covers are being used. The M.C.D. and D.D.A. have reported that necessary instructions have already been given to the field staff to ensure that uncoverd manholes are covered as soon as it is reported by any authority or person. MCD has further reported that action has been initiated against a number of officials for negligence of duties.

आवासीय इकाइयों के आवंटन में अनियमितताएं

892. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा निर्मित आवासीय इकाइयों के आवंटन में बड़े पैमाने पर अनियमितताओं की जानकारी है, और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उक्त आरोपों की जांच एक गैर विभागीय एजेंसी के माध्यम से कराने का निर्णय किया है, और यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) और (ख) फ्लैटों का नियतन/आवंटन दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण से बाहर के जजों की उपस्थिति में समय-समय पर कम्प्यूटर ड्रा द्वारा किया जाता है। ये ड्रा निर्धारित प्रक्रिया द्वारा नीति निर्देशों के अनुसार किए जाते हैं। इसको देखते हुए दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण ने सूचित किया है कि किसी प्रकार की अनियमितता का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Unauthorised Construction in New Delhi

893. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the Indian Express dated 26th September, 1991 regarding construction of a building worth crores of rupees allegedly with the involvement of architecture Department of NDMC;

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken thereto; and

(c) what is the number of such unauthorised buildings constructed during the last two years and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The New Delhi Municipal Committee has intimated that this is not the case of a new unauthorisedly constructed building but that of unauthorised construction carried out in the form of addition/alteration. The unauthorised construction was detected by the N.D.M.C. at the initial stage and the question of involvement of its Architectural Department is under investigation by the N.D.M.C. Legal and departmental action is under process.

(c) During the last two years no building which was completely unauthorised came to the notice of the NDMC. However, it has detected 414 cases of unauthorised construction and has already initiated action under the Punjab Municipal Act. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that it has not kept a separate record of unauthorised buildings. However, it has detected 12213 cases of unauthorised construction during the same period in its Jurisdiction for action under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act and in 367 cases demolition action was taken.

Complaints against DDA

894. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the several complaints about the inefficient working of DDA as reported in the Indian Express dated the 13th November, 1991;

(b) what steps Government have taken to rectify the malfunctioning of the DDA;

(c) whether Government are aware of the widespread use of sub-standard building materials resulting in severe damages to the buildings and excessive maintenance costs to the allottees; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to put an end to this corruption and grant of compensation to the allottees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has directed DDA to set up an efficient grievance redressal machinery under the supervision of a senior Commissioner to ensure that all complaints relating to allotment of houses and plots are promptly dealt with. The problems faced by the allottees in getting prompt intimation of flat allotment and in making-payment are being addressed by DDA in a number of recent intructions issued to the Housing Wing. The Government has also taken up the exercise to restructure DDA to convert it into a more streamlined organisation. DDA has been instructed to pay attention to the quality of construction. The Vigilence Wing of DDA investigates all reported cases of alleged corruption.

New Housing Projects for Delhi

895. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new projects proposed to be started to meet the shortage of dwelling houses in Delhi; and

(b) by when the same are likely to be implemented and what is the total estimated amount proposed to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) In order to meet the housing shortage in Delhi, the Delhi Development Authority has chalked out a programme for construction of 1,07,500 flats by the end of 1994-95. However, the implementation of this programme is subject to